

### **Building Our Future Q&A items thru 4/28/17**

- What is included in the graphics for the front of the sanctuary? ANSWER - Graphic design of chancel- the exposed stage lighting is filler for the concept design, not final decisions for the design. Same with color, fabric choices, etc.
- Where is the 50% plus growth and does it include the sanctuary? ANSWER - Seating capacity of sanctuary does not accommodate the 50% growth discussed in terms of the space study. The 50% growth was in reference to the all classroom sizes (including nurseries thru adult education). Some areas were increased by 100%. As has been discussed in the past, we would accommodate growth in church service attendance by adding a third service.
- What are the double doors into the sanctuary? ANSWER - The sound lock for the sanctuary doors have two additional doors than currently exist to prevent sound from the lobby getting into the sanctuary and vice versa. It should be noted the location and size of the sound lock and doors are large enough to enable wheel chair access, plus turning a casket to enter the sanctuary as needed.
- What is the cost of the new sound system? And why is it part of construction? ANSWER – There are several elements to the total sound system cost. First, construction of the chancel and installation of the elevator in the wiring closet next to the sound booth will require that the system wiring to be relocated, plus the wiring on the platform must be replaced. The new stage will naturally create additional (future) and will be integrated into the architecture and design. Updates in technology also contribute to the cost; the current sound board is analog and will not work with newer (digital) equipment. Much of the current equipment is already failing (speakers, sound board, choir microphones, CD players, etc.) and need to be replaced very soon. The church will have to spend the money to replace these items eventually whether or not this proposal goes forward, but the costs are too high to come from our general fund; therefore if these are not included in this project a separate fundraising effort will be required to cover these costs. Note: the amount of the mortgage (\$1 Million) is less than the total construction costs; and the remaining costs, which include the sound system, permits, architectural fees, furniture, etc. will come from the \$600K fund raising.
- Why does this proposal require two motions? ANSWER - Church by-laws require congregation approval on purchases >\$10,000. Therefore one motion is required for the overall project. If that passes, then another motion is required to proceed with the mortgage.
- Will Absentee ballots be accepted for the vote in May? ANSWER - Absentee ballot may be used per the church by-laws (confirmed by Marcia Bates –church chair during the meeting). The executive committee will make a decision

regarding absentee ballots at its May 1 meeting. The decision will be communicated after May 1.

- How far will the canopy extend? ANSWER - The canopy for the new main entrance- it will be extended over the curb, sidewalk, and passenger seat of the car but will not extend further. This is safer (to avoid being hit by larger trucks and vehicles) and much more economical. The East canopy is to be shortened. The West canopy will not be touched.
- Was the office staff consulted on the design of their space? ANSWER - YES!! They were each personally interviewed for their input and their input was integrating into the design.
- Was the nursery staff consulted for the design of the nursery? ANSWER – YES Laura Jackson was.
- What is the configuration of the modified main entrance? ANSWER - The new main entrance will have 2 double doors for energy conservation.
- How large is the elevator? ANSWER - The elevator will be large enough for 2 or 3 people or 1 motorized wheel chair plus attendant.
- The congregation voted on their priorities for the building design. The proposed design doesn't exactly match those chosen priorities (for example, the sound system was not listed that priority list).  
ANSWER – There was not a vote by the congregation previously, but a survey was conducted in May 2016 with the ability to provide priority for multiple items. The top 5 items (entrance, bathrooms, meeting rooms, sanctuary and office area) are being addressed by the plan. The sound system was not included as a separate item on the survey. The integration of the sound system into the new chancel is necessary. The chancel WAS a priority the congregation voted for. But the sound system and chancel go hand-in-hand.
- Where will the additional funds come from? Will funds come from our own increased giving, or from new members whom we reach out to?  
ANSWER – Less than 50% of our current congregation have pledged to support the project to date. We are hoping and praying that by presenting our concept for the new space that our current members and attenders will enthusiastically support the project. Evangelism is an integral and significant part of FCC's mission and is the big reason why we want to do this project. Therefore, we hope that we can attract new members as well by refreshing the space and demonstrating to newcomers that we are a vibrant church community!

- Is there a specific welcome center within the new lobby?  
ANSWER - Yes, under the “connect” sign across from the He Brews coffee area. It will be a self-driven information station. (This is concept only, but the location of the welcome center will be there).
- What new new technology is included in the sound system?  
ANSWER - New technology will also allow us to project services into multiple rooms on screens. We don’t have this flexibility now, but it would be easy with integrated technology with new digital equipment.
- Electrical in the kitchen will be addressed?  
ANSWER - Right now, the kitchen is not within the scope of the project. It was not high enough on the priority list and our budget is not currently big enough.
- If this motion is not approved, what will the church have to pay for anyway?  
ANSWER - Fire suppression will only be required with any renovation. Kitchen updates will eventually be required. Sound system components will continue to fail and require replacement.
- Are coffee and refreshments going to be separate from fellowship hall? ANSWER – The plan with the new “He Brews” located in the lobby is to retain coffee area in fellowship also.
- Will the new “He Brews” coffee bar located in the lobby have a low counter / table to enable kids / wheelchairs etc to reach and see? ANSWER – Currently this is a concept only and a complete design has not been developed. Thank you for your input, this will be considered by the team as the design is developed.
- Has someone on the team with a disability or a wheelchair walked / driven thru each new area? ANSWER – The design is still being developed and currently in the concept phase. Lindhout and Associates has vast experience designing churches and other spaces to ensure persons with disabilities and wheelchairs have adequate access.
- Can the elevator be larger or is there not enough space? ANSWER – The current location for the elevator limits the size. This is the most economical solution the team found.
- If we vote yes for the proposal on May 21, but the fundraising goal of \$600K has not been met how will the project proceed? ANSWER – The design and contractor bidding phase will continue as planned, which takes approximately 6 months. During this time the fund raising drive will also continue with the

objective to reach (or exceed the goal). The mortgage will be acquired, but not drawn on.

- Since the fund drive now extends thru 2019, but the construction is scheduled to begin in 2018 (and potentially end in 2018) where will the funding come from prior to the funds being received? ANSWER – The Building committee, Finance Commission and Executive Committee will establish fund drive cash received levels required to begin each phase of construction. The plan is not to start any phase of construction unless funds will be available by the end of that phase to cover expenses. The current plan is not to draw on the mortgage until March 2018 (at the earliest), therefore phase 1 construction will be funded 100% from cash received from the fund drive. This may alter the start of the construction phases slightly. Finally, there are some expenses which may be delayed (furniture and other smaller items) until the pledge funds are received which may allow the construction to proceed for the final phase. All of this timing will be adjusted in December 2017 after the complete costs and construction timing plus fund drive information are completely understood.
- Who makes the decisions on the details - office items, color schemes within the design, colors of the walls, furniture, etc? ANSWER - Building committee with input from the directly affected staff and guidance from an interior designer will develop an overall theme for the church. These decisions will be made much later in the process.
- If we vote no what happens? ANSWER - Although we feel God is leading the congregation to make changes to the building, if the direction is to stop the process then we will wind the design project down and not proceed with plans to acquire a mortgage. The funds received to date will need to be directed toward the building since these were given in good faith to improve the building. The building committee will work with the architects to identify projects that could be done with the cash we have on hand, and will work with the Executive Committee to determine next steps. No further expenditures of the building fund monies will be made without congregational approval.
- Please clarify future cost that are inevitable, such as sound system, etc.? ANSWER - Portions of the building our congregation uses is over 40 years old. As such many areas will continue to require repair and replacement. These areas will continue to be addressed by the properties commission, as has been done in the past. The objective of the building committee is to update and modernize the building. The sound system is being included in the project since it is integrated in the chancel (stage) and the area where the elevator will be installed. There are additional features for the sound system (which do not exist today) being proposed with the project.
- Why is the sanctuary carpet not included in the proposal? ANSWER - The carpet is relatively new and is not needing replacement at this time. It is also felt if the

pews are recovered or replaced with chairs at a later date the carpet should then match this change.

- What about sound treatment inside the sanctuary? ANSWER - The building committee will investigate this but has not included in the current scope of the project due to cost.